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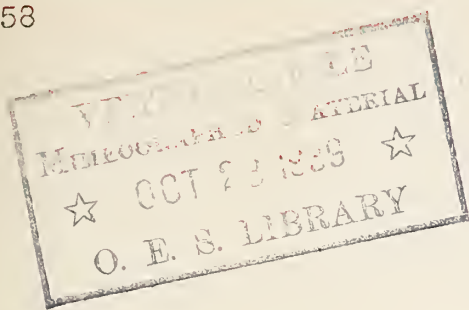




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## MODERN HOME HEATING ENCOURAGES HOUSEHOLD PESTS

Cold weather nowadays brings no relief in the war against many household pests, says \_\_\_\_\_, extension entomologist, \_\_\_\_\_ (Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Institution). The even heating of modern homes gives comfort not only to its human inhabitants, but also to clothes moths, carpet beetles, cockroaches, silverfish, and other pests that once were frozen out of chilly clothes closets and storage rooms.

The housewife who values her woolen clothes and furs must protect them the year round against insect attack. Frequent brushing, sunning, and airing during the winter, as well as scrupulous cleaning of all cracks and corners of closets and other storage places, will do much to save clothes from damage. Wool sweaters, socks, or other garments that are even slightly soiled need constant attention because they are particularly appetizing to moths. Clothes that are rarely worn should be cleaned and packed in moth-proof containers. Napthalene or paradichlorobenzene flakes give added protection to stored clothes.

Cleanliness is not only a cheap and effective protection against clothes moths and carpet beetles but also against kitchen insects.

The small, active, greyish, scale-covered insects known as silverfish thrive best in damp, warm basements but cause serious injury anywhere in the house. They feed upon paper and wallpaper, bookbindings, starchy or sweet food, and to some extent on fabrics, especially rayon, and on starched clothing or curtains. The cheapest weapon against them is a poison bait made of oatmeal, white arsenic, sugar, salt, and water to moisten. But this bait must be kept away from children and pets. Pyrethrum powder dusted or blown into silverfish haunts is also helpful. So is a kerosene spray or a spray made by dissolving paradichlorobenzene in carbon tetrachloride.

